



# ***COMMITTEE of the WHOLE***

## ***CITY COUNCIL***

**MINUTES**  
**April 27, 2009**  
**5:00 P.M.**

### **COUNCIL MEMBERS PRESENT:**

V. Spencer, D. Sterner, M. Goodman-Hinnershitz, M. Baez, S. Marmarou, S. Fuhs, J. Waltman

### **OTHERS IN ATTENDANCE:**

L. Kelleher, S. Katzenmoyer, C. Younger, M. Mayes, R. Hottenstein

Mr. Spencer, President of Council, called the Committee of the Whole meeting to order at 5:07 p.m.

### **I. Executive Session**

Council entered executive session at 5:08 pm to discuss personnel matters. Council exited executive session at 6:15 pm.

### **II. Agenda Review**

C. Jones and B. Reinhart joined the meeting at this time.

- Resolution waiving the requirement of bond surety for the Goggleworks Apartment project

Mr. Younger reviewed the resolution and reminded Council that Mr. Boscov requested this waiver at a recent Committee of the Whole meeting.

Mr. Fuhs questioned the amount of the waiver. Mr. Younger replied that it would be \$50,000 - \$70,000.

- Resolution authorizing scheduling a public hearing regarding an amendment to the Zoning Ordinance adding a Municipal Use zoning district

Ms. Kelleher explained the need for this new zoning district to construct the police firing range. She noted that the area is currently zoned preservation.

Mr. Jones stated that the waste water treatment plant pre-dates the zoning ordinance but this amendment is needed to build on other portions of Fritz's Island. He stated that the new administrative building will be located in Cumru Township.

Mr. Fuhs questioned if the City made any tax payments to Cumru. Mr. Jones stated that the City does not pay property taxes as this is a municipal use.

Mr. Waltman questioned the difference between this resolution and the ordinance being introduced. Ms. Katzenmoyer explained that this resolution authorizes the public hearing; the ordinance being introduced is the actual zoning ordinance amendment.

- Action Plan and Consolidated Plan amendment

This resolution will be withdrawn from this evening's agenda and action will be taken at the May 11 meeting.

- Agenda additions

Mr. Spencer noted that two resolutions will be added to this evening's agenda – declaring May 12 as Reading Police Memorial Day and confirming the appointment of the Zoning Administrator.

- Authorizing the execution of a deed for premises at Route 183 to Penn DOT

Mr. Spencer questioned what land this was referring to. Mr. Jones replied that it is a small parcel at Routes 183 and 222. Penn DOT wishes to make improvements to the interchange and needs this parcel.

Mr. Spencer questioned the amount the City would receive for the parcel. Mr. Younger noted that the City would receive \$49,000.

- Amending the 2009 general fund budget

Mr. Spencer questioned if staff met with the City Auditor in order to clarify his concerns. Mr. Hottenstein stated that they did meet.

- Appointing members to the Pagoda Foundation

Mr. Younger explained that these appointments cannot be made as the Foundation has not yet been formed. He noted the need for a task force. He stated that the Mayor can make appointments to a task force without Council action.

Mr. Spencer noted that these names will be brought forward after the Foundation has been established.

Ms. Goodman-Hinnershitz stated her willingness to explain this to the public.

The meeting adjourned at 6:42 pm.

Respectfully Submitted  
Linda A. Kelleher, CMC  
City Clerk